

The Hospital World.

THE NATIONAL SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTION, BOURNEMOUTH.

The Annual General Meeting of Governors of this charitable institution was held in London on Thursday in last week, at the Westminster Palace Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Earl of Eldon, the Right Hon. Arthur F. Jeffreys, M.P., occupied the chair.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Management for the year 1903, which was unanimously adopted, stated that the accounts showed a deficiency of £305, as compared with a deficit of £540 the previous year.

As a result of the special appeal, the annual subscriptions showed an increase of £139, and donations an increase of £514. The Committee regretted that the annual subscriptions did not show a larger increase, as the income was still insufficient to meet the current expenditure. They desired particularly to add that owing to the additional accommodation which is being provided new annual subscriptions to the amount of at least £500 were urgently needed. The Report further stated that during the year 225 patients were admitted, of whom 182 were discharged improved, many being fitted to return to their occupations. Sixty-four patients were continued from 1902, so that the total number under treatment last year was 289. The average length of stay in the Sanatorium was 11·8 weeks.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Sir William E. Cooper, C.I.E., were elected trustees to fill two vacancies.

Lord Wimborne, Mr. G. J. Fenwick, and Colonel Lewin were re-elected members of the Committee of Management. The Rev. O. K. Prescott was also elected a member upon his retirement from the office of chaplain, which he had held for twenty-eight years, during which time he had been a generous friend to the institution, and had won the respect of all with whom he had come in contact.

Mr. Robson-Burrows, a member of the Committee of Management, informed the meeting that the plans and specifications for the new extension of the Sanatorium had been prepared, and tenders were being invited for carrying out the work. The new building will provide several additional beds for patients and better accommodation for the nurses, the present quarters of the latter being very inadequate and unsuitable. It was hoped that the increased accommodation for the patients would relieve the extreme pressure for admission. Considerable alterations were also to be carried out in the present building, including the addition of several more baths and shower baths, the enlargement of the dining-rooms, further improvements in the ventilation, the providing of a disinfecter for disinfecting the bedding and clothing, &c. A portion of the cost

of these works has been subscribed, but £1,000 is still urgently needed to complete the required amount. The Committee, therefore, very urgently appeal for help so that they may not be burdened with a heavy debt.

The extension has already been delayed some three years through want of funds, but the work can no longer be put off if the institution is to be efficiently carried on.

It was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Governors be given to the honorary medical, surgical, and dental staff for their valuable services during the past year.

The meeting terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. A. F. Jeffreys for his kindness in presiding at the meeting.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A SPLENDID OFFER.—The splendid offer which Mr. George Herring has once more made on behalf of the maintenance of the metropolitan hospitals ought to stimulate public generosity throughout all London. Mr. Herring gives the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Fund their choice between a subscription of £10,000 to the Fund, or an addition of one-quarter to the amount collected in places of worship on June 12th, limiting this to a collection not exceeding £100,000. We understand that the Council have been able to see their way to accept the latter alternative. The knowledge we shall all have in that case that, for every shilling each of us gives, the hospitals will get a shilling and threepence ought to have a great effect in extracting shillings from reluctant pockets.

A WORK OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.—The importance of the work of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is to be emphasised by a grand fête which is to be held at the Albert Hall on June 2nd, and which the Duchess of Connaught will open.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—An impressive and interesting service of dedication of a stained glass window and triptych as a memorial of the late Mrs. F. E. Seely was recently held in the chapel of the Nottingham General Hospital. Those present included only the family of Sir Charles Seely and the Rev. H. C. Russell, of Wollaton, the Monthly Board of the Hospital, the honorary medical staff, and the Matron, Sisters, and nurses of the institution. The service was conducted by the Rev. Martin Reed, chaplain of the hospital. The window contains a representation of the Lord's Supper, and the triptych the Holy Family, two side panels respectively depicting St. Cecilia and St. Dorothea. The triptych is the work of Mr. Appleyard, whose artistic productions are to be seen in other portions of the hospital, notably the two beautiful paintings in the entrance hall.

Sir Charles Seely, during whose presidency the General Hospital at Nottingham has extended its

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